



Nomura Research Institute Group

## **NRI Selected as Silver Class in S&P Global Sustainability Award 2021**

**Tokyo, February 12, 2021**, Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (NRI), a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, announced that it was selected as a Silver Class Company for the first time in the S&P Global<sup>1</sup> Sustainability Award 2021. NRI was selected as Bronze Class in the 2020 Award.

# **Sustainability Award**

## Silver Class 2021

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# **S&P Global**

### ■ About the Sustainability Award

Every year, S&P Global assesses the sustainability of major companies worldwide based on the three aspects of economy, environment and society, and awards the top 15% of companies in each industry Gold, Silver and Bronze Class according to their scores. It also publishes the Sustainability Yearbook<sup>2</sup> containing an overview of these results.

In the 2021 awards, 7,032 of the world's largest companies in 61 industries were evaluated, and 70 of those companies (including 6 Japanese firms) selected as Gold Class, 70 companies (including 6 Japanese companies) selected as Silver Class and 90 companies (including 8 Japanese companies) selected as Bronze Class. Furthermore, six companies including NRI were selected as companies with an excellent record in the Silver Class or higher in the IT services industry .

### ■ Why NRI was Selected as Silver Class

Of 20 of the evaluation items in the IT services industry, we believe that NRI's high scores in "disclosure of tax strategy," "acquisition of third-party assurance of social data" and "a wide range of initiatives related to

human resource development”, and its previous nomination to the CDP A List, the highest evaluation in CDP<sup>3</sup>, contributed to NRI being selected as Silver Class.

NRI has also been selected as a constituent of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index, two indices operated by S&P Global that evaluate sustainability of companies .

In its Medium-Term Management Plan (2019-2022), the NRI Group established the target of “Solving social issues through value co-creation” and specified that it will conduct business centered on the co-creation of three social values. “Co-create a thriving future society by driving new value”, “Co-create an ideal society by effectively utilizing its resources” and “Co-create a safe and secure society by advancing its infrastructure.”

The NRI Group aims to continue promoting the realization of a sustainable society and the sustained enhancement of corporate value by solving social problems in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> S&P Global: One of the world’s leading financial service companies providing credit ratings, benchmarks and analysis in global capital and commodity markets, and providing detailed data and observations related to important business factors including ESG. In 2019, it acquired the ESG data collection business and the corporate sustainability assessment (CSA) business from RobecoSAM based in Switzerland.

<sup>2</sup> Sustainability Yearbook2021: <https://www.spglobal.com/esg/csa/yearbook/>

<sup>3</sup> CDP: The CDP is a non-profit organization whose main activity is to request information disclosure on environmental issues such as climate variability measures, water resource protection, and forest conservation, and to promote such measures through it. In 2019, more than 525 institutional investors representing more than 96 trillion U.S. dollars in managed assets and 125 purchasing companies with purchasing power of US \$ 3.6 trillion supported CDP activities, and over 8,400 companies that represent over 50% of world capitalization and 920 local governments have disclosed information on measures against environmental problems through CDP. CDP is now one of the world's most useful information disclosure platforms on environmental issues.

CDP website: <https://www.cdp.net/en/companies/companies-scores>

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■NRI’s sustainability-related initiatives

• Website:

<https://www.nri.com/en/sustainability>

• Integrated Report:

<https://ir.nri.com/en/ir/library/report.html>

• ESG Databook:

[https://www.nri.com/en/sustainability/library/back\\_number](https://www.nri.com/en/sustainability/library/back_number)

• Sustainability Book:

[https://www.nri.com/en/sustainability/library/back\\_number](https://www.nri.com/en/sustainability/library/back_number)

■NRI’s external evaluations

NRI has been selected for several global ESG investment indexes and ratings including DJSI World.

<b>ESG Investment Index or Rating</b>	<b>Description</b>
Dow Jones Sustainability World Index	Selected for the 3rd consecutive year since 2018
Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index	Selected for the 5th consecutive year since 2016
MSCI ACWI ESG Leaders Index	Selected for the 5th consecutive year since 2016
FTSE4Good Developed Index	Selected for the 15th consecutive year since 2006
MCSI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index	Selected for the 4th consecutive year since 2017
MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN)	Selected for the 4th consecutive year since 2017
FTSE Blossom Japan Index	Selected for the 4th consecutive year since 2017
S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index	Selected for the 2nd consecutive year since 2018
Sompo Sustainability Index	Selected for the 9th consecutive year since 2012
CDP	Selected the Climate Change 'A List' (CDP's highest rating) for the 2nd consecutive year since 2019
Science Based Targets (SBT)	The NRI Group's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target recognized by the SBT Initiative in 2018
RE100	The NRI Group joined the RE100 in 2019, committing to use 100% renewable energy by 2050

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